

REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

The Office action to 17 October 2007, pursuant to the decision of the BPAI, cancels independent claims 1 and 19 and acknowledges reversal of the rejections of dependent claims 12 and 20-22 but requires that they be put in independent form (or, it is assumed, in dependent form depending directly or indirectly from an allowable independent claim). This having been effected in this paper, allowance of those claims is respectfully requested.

The Office action fails to acknowledge reversal of the rejection of claims 2, 4, 8, 9, 16-18 by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Allowance of those claims is respectfully requested.

If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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